

Causes of Rail Accidents

1509. **SHRI ANIL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 512, given in the Rajya Sabha on 2.12.1999 and state:

(a) whether the causes of each rail accident during 1998 and 1999 upto November, 1999, have been inquired into;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) who are responsible for such lapses;

(d) the action taken in each case; and

(e) the number of accidents which took place from 1.12.99 till date, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Each of the 397 accidents that took place in 1998-99 and 262 accidents that took place in 1999-2000 (upto October, 1999) have been inquired into.

Statement

(b) and (c) The causes for the above accidents were as follows:—

| Cause | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 (upto Oct., 1999) |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Failure of Railway Staff | 268 | 169 |
| Failure of other than Railway Staff | 63 | 48 |
| Equipment Failure | 33 | 7 |
| Sabotage | 11 | 16 |
| Combination of Factors | 1 | — |
| Incidental | 14 | 14 |
| Not Established | 7 | 6 |
| Under Investigation | — | 2 |
| TOTAL: | 397 | 262 |

(d) As per the reports of the inquiry committees, deterrent punishments like censure, withholding of increment, reduction in pay/

post, removal of or dismissal from service, compulsory retirement, stoppage of passes or recorded warnings were issued to Railway Staff held responsible.

(e)

| Zonal Railway | No. of accidents from 1.11.1999 to 25.7.2000 |
|----------------------------|---|
| Central Railway | 37 |
| Eastern Railway | 24 |
| Northern Railway | 56 |
| North Eastern Railway | 18 |
| Northeast Frontier Railway | 72 |
| Southern Railway | 37 |
| South Central Railway | 35 |
| South Eastern Railway | 46 |
| Western Railway | 22 |
| Metro Railway | — |
| Konkan Railway | 4 |
| TOTAL: | 351 |

Persons living on Railway Property

1510. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are trying to displace those settlers who have been living on Railway land for long;

(b) if so, whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has been informed of such intention by the Railways;

(c) whether the Railways have handled the issue with a degree of sensitivity to the poor people's plight;

(d) what steps are proposed by the Railways to meet and interact; and

(e) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF